

## FOUR OBJECT TO CHANGE

Of River Bed on Ground it  
Would Damage Them

## HEARING FOR INDIVIDUALS

R. L. Clark, Amos Hall, Mrs. G. B. Dur-  
kee and Mrs. Alice Jones Were the  
Objecting Persons—Public Good  
of It Generally Admitted.

The hearing before the street committee of the city council on the question of the public good, necessity and convenience of individuals in the laying out of a highway and the changing of the bed of Steven's Branch, and on the question of land damages and assessments was finished up late yesterday afternoon. Only about half of the abutters and interested parties, who were notified of the hearing, put in an appearance. Of those who were questioned, some were heartily in favor of the project and stat-

There were four persons, also, who

Altogether, the committee has been told that the French block is owned by Mrs. Durfee and Mrs. Jones, who are part owners of the French block.

ready large brick blocks though that the land they would reclaim by the change of the river would not be of so much benefit to them as those abutters who have wooden blocks and who would

It is expected that no further action will be taken until after the continued hearing which will be given to the Cen-

to the continuance having been granted to the railroad on the statement that it wished to prepare a drawing of its land and determine where the new lines would come in case the river were changed.

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**STATE CONVENTION**  
**OPENED AT 2 P. M. TODAY**

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**5th Annual Session of the Vermont**

## Equal Suffrage Association Is

M. E. Church.

The twenty-ninth annual convention of the Vermont Equal Suffrage association was called to order shortly after two o'clock this afternoon at Hedding Methodist Episcopal church by the president of the association, Mrs. Julia A. Pierce of Rochester.

The meeting was fairly well attended and several speakers prominent in the

strange movement were present and will be there this evening. Among them are Rev. Mary Traffarn Whitney of Rochester, Miss Mary N. Chase of Andover, N. H., president of the New Hampshire association, Rev. Walter Dole of Northfield, Mrs. Annette W. Parmelee of

Boston and Miss Grace Robinson of

Rev. E. C. Downey of the Universalist church offered prayer, after which the

Following committee appointments were made by the president: resolutions, Rev. Walter Dole, Northfield, Mrs. Annette J. Parmelee, Enosburg Falls, Rev. Harry T. Whitney, Rochester; business,

The address of welcome was then delivered by Rev. E. O. Thayer, pastor of the Odding church; he in well chosen remarks welcomed the members of the association to Barre. The response to his address was made by Roy. Mary

**MRS. GRACIA MARTIN**

ed Last Night at Her Home in Williamstown—Funeral on Sunday.  
Mrs. Gracia Martin, widow of the late

ne of George Stewart in the town  
 Williamstown after being in feeble  
 health for some time. The funeral will  
 be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.  
 Mrs. Martin was born in Washington,  
 this state, 85 years ago, but she had  
 lived for 67 years in the house in Wil-  
 mington, where she died. Her hus-  
 band passed away many years ago. She  
 leaves three children, Mrs. Fannie Ste-  
 warts of Williamstown, George Martin of  
 Washington, D. C., and Elsie Martin,